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How will Knox handle the axe-handle trust?

What Mr. Roosevelt seems to need is talkless cabinet officers.

It appears that General Smith's feelings, not his conscience, have been hurt.

The beef trust hasn't said a word calculated to arouse the enmity of Mr. Knox.

A genuine democratic platform needs no diagram and explanatory foot notes.

Perhaps those Iowa republicans meant tariff perversion instead of tariff revision.

The more the people see of Knox the better they like Griggs—Griggs of New Jersey.

Mr. Knox's fight against Miss Taylor is much fiercer than his fight against the beef trust.

The gentlemen who imagine that democracy needs reorganizing should consult an alienist.

It worked on General Funston, Mr. President. Why not try it on the secretary of the treasury?

The republican leaders appear to be working several of the McKinley policies in the reverse motion.

The republican campaign text book has been dry-docked for the purpose of repairing some of its plates.

If you are interested in the spread of democratic principles, read the "Lots of Five" offer on another page.

It seems that the news of the declaration of peace in the Philippines has not yet reached the soldiers and Filipinos.

It seems about time that the "infant" industries be stopped in their practice of assimilating the whole bill of fare.

Chairman Babcock has crawled so far back into his tariff revision hole that only the tips of his ears remain visible.

The beef trust is so frightened by the president's prosecution that it is about to resolve itself into a still larger trust.

One of Iowa's representatives in the cabinet seems to have mixed one of his pedal extremities with his soft palate, and it isn't Uncle Tama Jim Wilson, either.

Governor Cummins, the tariff reform republican of Iowa, has read Secretary Shaw's interview and he must be very much ashamed of himself—or of the secretary of the treasury.

It is reported that Justice Shiras is soon to resign from the supreme bench and resume the practice of law. We trust that the eminent judge will not act towards his clients as he did towards the income tax. A lawyer cannot be on both sides of a case at one and the same time.

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The attempt to republicanize the democratic party will be a failure so long as democrats stand on guard and do their duty.

It appears that cunning was unshackled long enough to enable it to revise the proof on the republican campaign text book.

Colonel Wetmore of St. Louis won his fight in the trans-Mississippi congress and secured a resolution denouncing the trusts.

Senator Hanna and President Roosevelt both declare that they are friends of the working classes, but "pretty is as pretty does."

General Miles might be pardoned if he suggested the retired list as a remedy for the secretary of the treasury's tendency to talk.

The attention of the civil service reformers is respectfully called to the fact that the cabinet is being converted into an elocution bureau.

The grindstone trust would not be an unmixed evil if it showed the republican farmers the folly of turning the grindstone by their votes.

If we do acquire the Faroe islands they should be annexed to Wall street. The name should endear the islands to that center of gambling.

When reading of the huge "net earnings" of the railroads remember that the farmers and merchants who pay the freight were caught in the net.

That European earthquake tremor a few days ago doubtless was Admiral Crowninshield bumping the prow of his battleship against another rock.

The people who celebrated the capture of Manila on August 13 seem never to have read Admiral Dewey's claim that Manila was not captured.

The Rock Island merger calls for so much water that the patrons who pay the freight will have to make requisition for emergers and life buoys.

The Fairbanks presidential boom seems to have paused for the purpose of trying to ascertain who dropped the monkeywrench into its steering gear.

The "Lots of Five" offer made on another page will interest and benefit every democrat who believes in standing squarely upon democratic principles.

If a lot of republican statesmen would vote to relieve labor of unjust burdens the aforesaid statesmen would not have to offer their services as arbitrators.

Enterprising gold brick artists should hasten to ascertain the names of all who believe that the republican party will revise the tariff in the interests of the masses.

What evidence have we that the president regards a cabinet office as a public trust? Answer: The president compels the holder of the office to defend the trusts.

The Houston Post asks if republican organs ever will quit slandering Mr. Bryan. The indications are that they will, about the time Philander Knox busts a trust.

There being an election just ahead several republican statesmen have stepped into the glare of the limelight and offered to do their best to settle the coal strike.

The soulless trusts will not be satisfied until they learn how to utilize the energy that babies waste in playing about the floor and cooling in their mothers' arms.

While the coal operators are securing the militia to protect the strike breakers, who is going to protect the coal consumers from the vicious assaults of the coal operators?

If Senator A. Jeremiah Beveridge ever gets through writing about "Russia in the Far East" perhaps he will devote a little time to studying conditions in the United States.

Perhaps Mr. Hanna intends to help the workmen like he saved Dr. Wilson—through a superheated imagination and the complacency of a lot of humble newspaper organs.

Admiral Crowninshield (pronounced Crunchell) is still cruising around in European waters and the careful European nation never fails to take in its coast line over night.

General Corbin is going to Germany to watch the German army maneuvers. Emperor William will make a huge mistake if he allows himself to believe that General Corbin is a sample.

When a cabinet officer defends a trust he ought to state how much that particular trust contributed to the campaign fund. The mutuality of the transaction would then be understood.

Miss Taylor should organize under the laws of New Jersey, float a lot of watered stock and issue some first mortgage bonds. This is a sure way to find favor in the sight of Mr. Philander Knox.

Mr. Neeley might stand some show of getting the money by promising a slice of it to the g. o. p. campaign fund. It's just as honest money as the bulk contributed to republican campaign funds.

Secretary Shaw's action in defending the "water cure" in trust organizations suggests a reason why the republicans have dealt so leniently with the "water cure" in the Philippines.

Of course, gratitude is a virtue, but isn't Secretary Shaw overdoing it when he defends the great corporations merely because their contributions made it possible for him to hold his present office?

Mr. Foraker's claim of friendship for the Hanna senatorial boom would have a better standing if Mr. Foraker would puff out his cheeks instead of drawing them in while pretending to inflate the boom.

According to Secretary Shaw's logic millions of people must endure without murmuring a continuance of tariff exaction because revision of the tariff might injure a handful of tariff protected monopolists.

The 10,000 employees let out by the formation of the harvester trust might profitably employ their time for the next week or two recalling the siren song of the "let well enough alone" vocalists in 1900.

"What does the Iowa platform mean?" asks an esteemed contemporary. At this distance it seems to mean that if the trusts don't hurry up with a plentiful supply of campaign fat they'll wish they had.

While Mr. Knox's attention was called to the men at the other table a lot of thresher manufacturers got together and formed a trust without paying any attention to the jingling of shackles along the shores of Oyster Bay.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio pauses in his perambulations long enough to tell us that he has always been in favor of grabbing Cuba. But why Mr. Grosvenor should waste time and breath in telling us is another deep and dark mystery.

The Record-Herald's correspondent says that the president would not have appointed Justice Holmes to the supreme bench without knowing him to be an imperialist. But, of course, it is proper to pack the bench from that side.

If any of the reorganizers who were frightened out of the democratic party in 1896 by the fear of a silver panic will read Secretary Shaw's interview they will find tariff reform will, according to this eminent authority, cause a much worse panic.

Before a republican candidate for congress begins to jolly you, just ask him if he favors enacting the Fowler bill into law, and if he thinks the house should pass the shipping subsidy bill that passed the senate. And make him answer, too.

The officers of a labor union have been jailed for contempt because they refused to bring the union's books into court when ordered to do so. The meat trust officials refused to obey a similar order, but up to date no meat trust officials have been sent to jail.

Senator Dolliver's "four-hundred-dollars-in-five-years" man did not include among his expenditures any contribution to the republican campaign fund, but the syndicates that fatten off of the people under republican favoritism are able to contribute enormous sums and they get the money back with interest—out of the pockets of the people.